

Baryon “stopping” at high energy and entropy production constraints from the initial state

★ Baryon “stopping” / shattering in high-energy pA

L. Gerland, A.D., M. Strikman, PRL 90 (2003)

J. Albacete, Yu. Kovchegov, NPA 781 (2007)

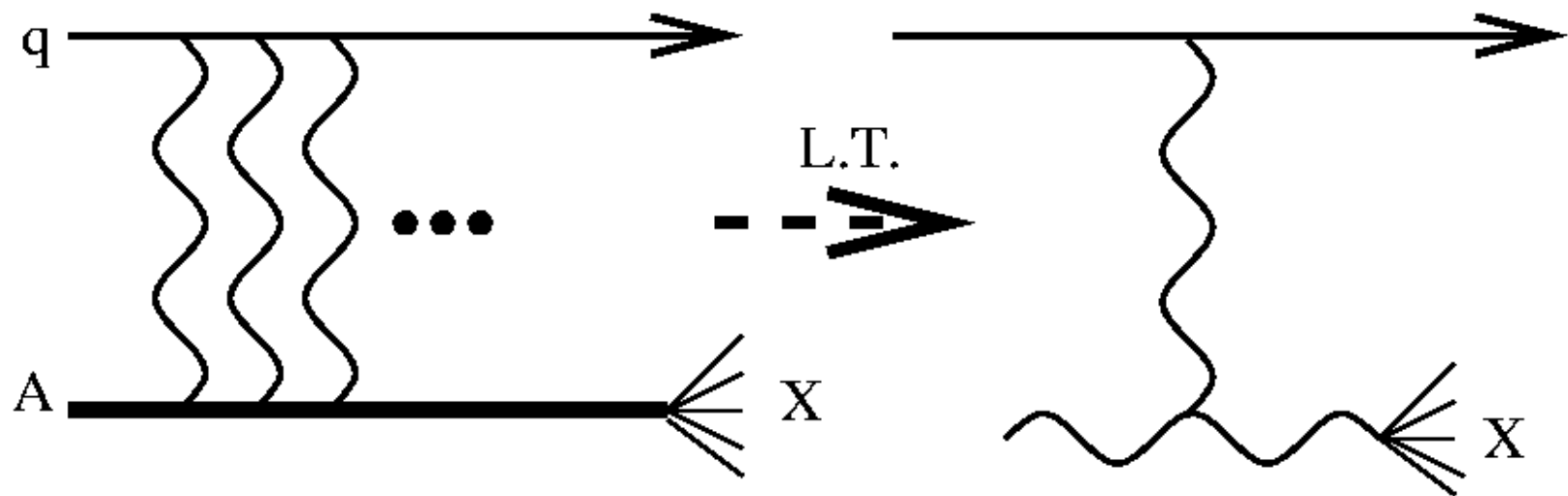
Y. Mehtar-Tani, G. Wolschin, arXiv:0811.1721

★ Constraints on entropy production in hydro stage (due to shear viscosity)

Lublinksy and Shuryak, PRC (2007)

A.D., Y. Nara, E. Molnar, PRC (2007)

Quark-Nucleus Scattering in Eikonal limit



Quark Scattering Amplitude :

$$\langle q \text{ out} \mid p \text{ in} \rangle = \bar{u}(q) \tau(q, p) u(p)$$

with

$$\tau(q, p) = 2\pi \delta(p^- - q^-) \gamma^- \int d^2 x_t [V(x_t) - 1] e^{i x_t (q_t - p_t)}$$

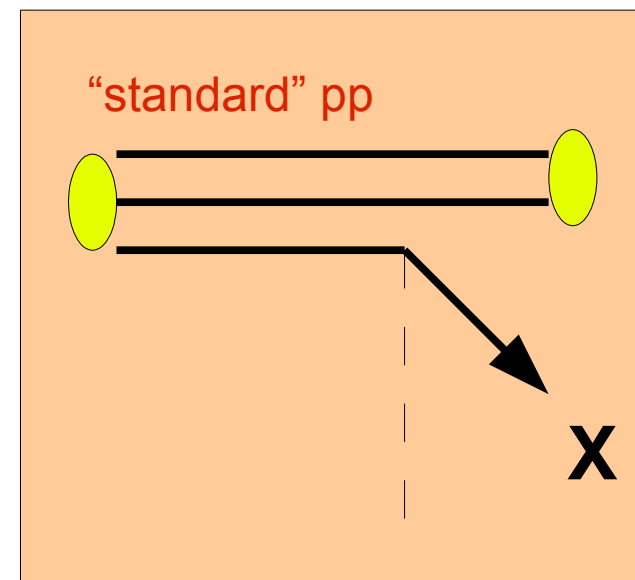
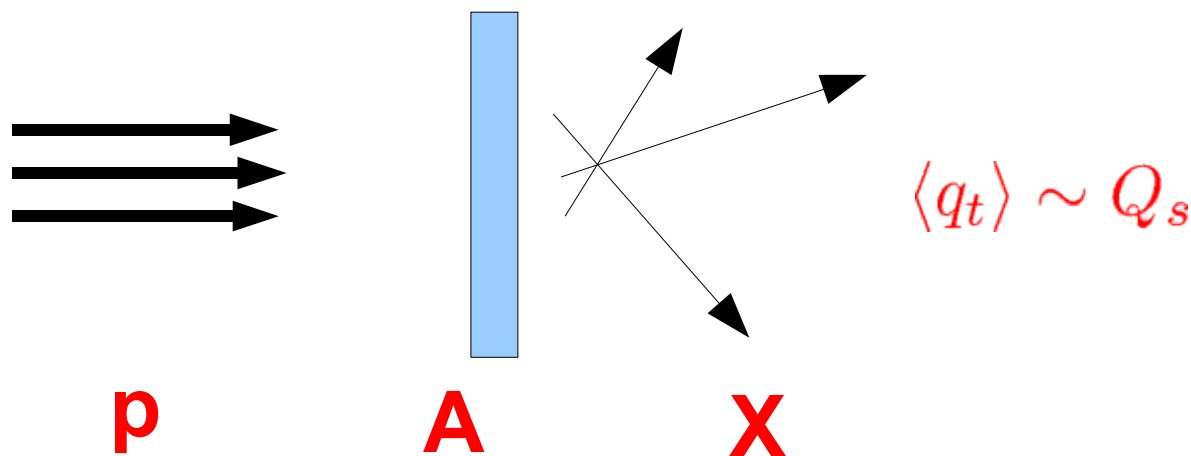
$$V(x_t) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left(-i g^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^- \frac{1}{\partial_t^2} \rho^a(x^-, x_t) t^a \right)$$

Baryon “stopping” at high energy: shattering the proton

Probability for quark to be scattered to $q_t \sim 0$ (with color exchange !):

$$\int_0^\Lambda d^2 q_t \frac{d\sigma^{\text{in}}}{d^2 b d^2 q_t} \simeq 1 - \exp \left(-\frac{\pi \Lambda^2}{Q_s^2 \log Q_s / \Lambda} \right) \simeq \frac{\pi \Lambda^2}{Q_s^2 \log Q_s / \Lambda}$$

→ **suppression of “beam-jet remnants”**
(soft physics) on dense target



All partons resolved at scale Q_s , coherence of proton
destroyed completely.

Assuming independent fragmentation of scattered partons:

$$x_F \frac{d\sigma^{pA \rightarrow h}}{dx_F d^2k_t d^2b} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{x_F}^1 dx \frac{x}{x_F} f_{q/p}(x, Q_s^2) N_F \left(\frac{x}{x_F} k_t, b \right) D_{h/q} \left(\frac{x_F}{x}, Q_s^2 \right)$$

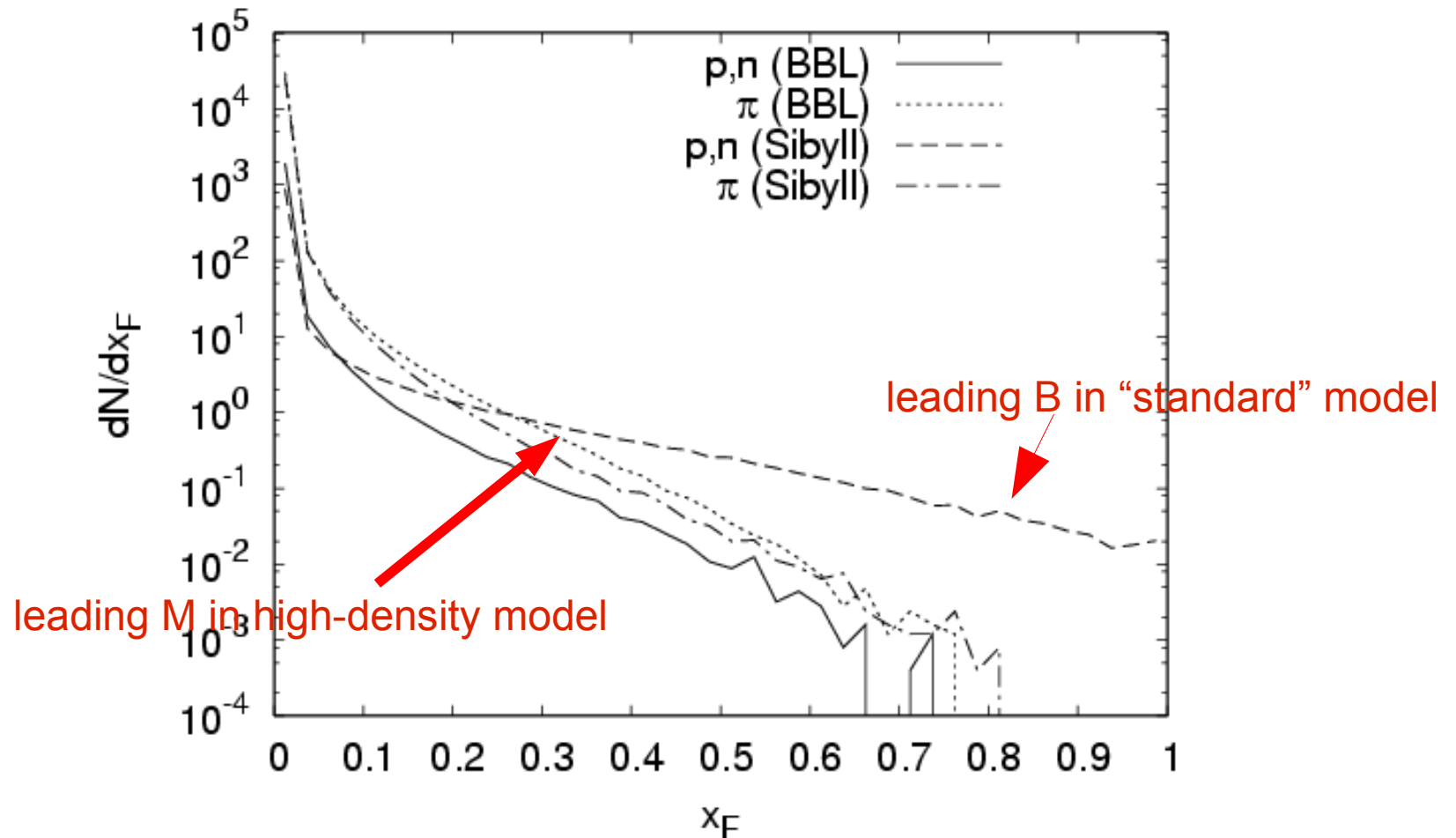
$$x_F \frac{d\sigma^{pA \rightarrow B-\bar{B}}}{dx_F d^2b} = \int_{x_F}^1 dx \frac{x_F}{x} [f_{q/p}(x, Q_s^2) - f_{\bar{q}/p}(x, Q_s^2)] \\ \left[D_{B/q} \left(\frac{x_F}{x}, Q_s^2 \right) - D_{\bar{B}/q} \left(\frac{x_F}{x}, Q_s^2 \right) \right] \frac{d\sigma^{qA}}{d^2b}$$

$$\frac{d}{d \log Q_s^2} \langle z^n \rangle_{B-\bar{B}} = \frac{\alpha_s(Q_s)}{\pi} \gamma_{qq}^{(0)}(n+1) \langle z^n \rangle_{B-\bar{B}}$$

However, recombination of leading quarks may still play a role at RHIC energies (especially for min bias pA)

Even stronger “stopping” may indicate need for longitudinal momentum transfer / going beyond eikonal approx !

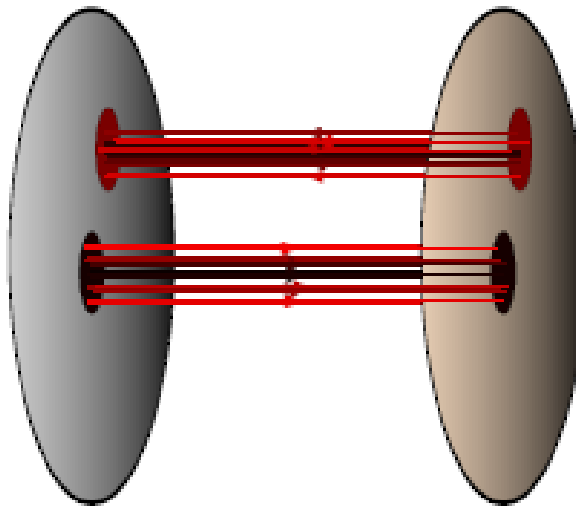
$p+^{14}\text{N}$, $E=10^9$ GeV



High-density target shifts baryon charge
(due to loss of coherence / fragmentation of projectile)

Testing decoherence of projectile + Eikonal limit in:

- ★ does M/B ratio in forward region increase with centrality / energy in pA/dA ?
- ★ test rapidity correlations from flux tubes:



Entropy production / thermalization time constraints from initial CGC multiplicity

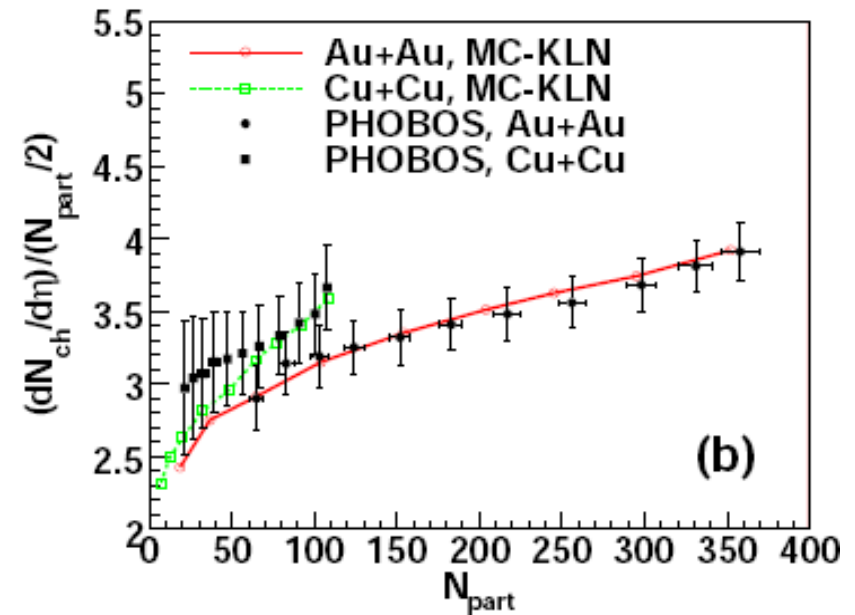
very good “fit” of centrality dependence of dN/dy from kt-factorization approach with saturating uGD:

$$\frac{dN}{dy} \sim \int d^2x_t \int \frac{d^2p_t}{p_t^2} \int d^2k_t \alpha_s \Phi_A(x_1, (p_t + k_t)^2/4, x_t) \Phi_B(x_2, (p_t - k_t)^2/4, x_t)$$

actually, reasonably good fit even with soft+hard models w/o “final state” rescattering such as HIJING event generator

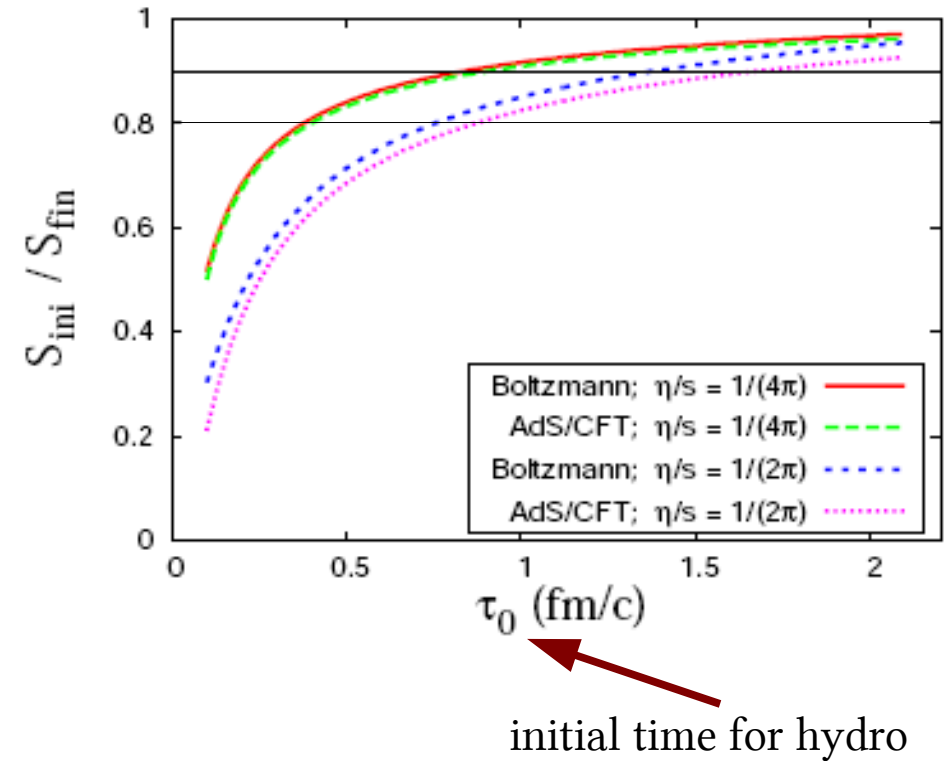
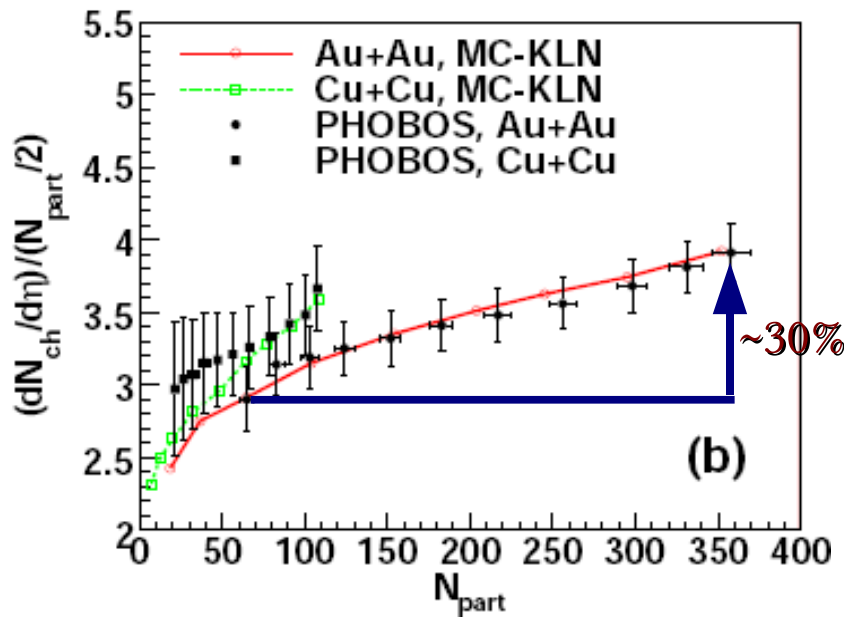
room for centrality dependent entropy production from viscous hydro evolution ?

Hirano, Nara, arXiv:0904.4080



entropy production from viscous (IS) hydro:

★ initial-state models constrain η/s and τ_0



★ $\eta/s = 1/2\pi$ and $\tau_0 = 0.6$ fm would account for the entire ~30% from $N_{part} = 60 \rightarrow 360$, requires flat initial $dN/dy / N_{part}$!

★ note also that hard production increases by factor of $(360/60)^{1/3} = 1.8$!

Summary / Outlook

★ Baryon “stopping” at high energies is not well understood;

“pA” data (forward region) could help!

★ at high E:

- leading partons don't “lose energy”
- energy of midrapidity particles small

$$\int_0^{\langle p_t \rangle / \sqrt{s}} \frac{dx}{x} x \sim \frac{\langle p_t \rangle}{\sqrt{s}}$$

★ does M/B ratio in forward region increase with centrality / energy in pA/dA ?

★ rapidity correlations from flux tubes ?

★ centrality dependence of initial particle production constrains thermalization time / (shear) viscosity of fluid